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SUBJECT: ROKG URGES LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN

1. ACCORDING TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE OF QUASI-PRIVATE (GOVERNMENT SUPPORTED) ORGANIZATION, EMPLOYEES OF FIRM (AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES IN GENERAL) HAVE BEEN PRESSED RECENTLY TO PROMOTE LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN IN SUPPORT OF CURRENT ROKG FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC POLICY. TARGET RECIPIENTS FOR LETTERS ARE U.S. CONGRESSMEN AND NEWS MEDIA SUCH AS TIME, NEWSWEEK, NEW YORK TIMES, WASHINGTON POST AND STAR.

2. ROKG EMPLOYEE SUPPLIED EMBOFF WITH MIMEOGRAPHED COVER LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS, FIVE SAMPLE LETTERS AND SHORT LIST OF MEDIA AND CONGRESSIONAL ADDRESSES FROM HIS ORGANIZATION AND WHICH HE SAID HAD ORIGINALLY COME FROM THE ROKG.

3. COVER LETTER INDICATED THAT IN LIGHT OF "CERTAIN CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS" ON KOREA, IT IS "RECOMMENDED" THAT LETTERS BE WRITTEN TO CONGRESSMEN PARTICIPATING IN HEARING OR IF WRITER PREFERS, TO SPECIFIED NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES. CONTENT OF LETTER SHOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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BE WRITTEN IN ENGLISH AND INCLUDE ONE OR TWO SUBJECTS (OF FIVE SUPPLIED).

4. FIVE DRAFT LETTERS INCLUDE FOLLOWING:

(A) IMPOSSIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING FOUR-POWER
GUARANTEE FOR (SOUTH KOREA);

(B) RELATIONSHIP OF KOREAN HUMAN RIGHTS
AND AID TO KOREA;

(C) NECESSITY FOR CONTINUED STATIONING OF
U.S. FORCES IN KOREA;

(D) NECESSITY FOR CONTINUED GROWTH OF KOREAN
ECONOMY; AND

(E) REAL POSSIBILITY OF WAR ON KOREAN
PENINSULA.

5. COVER LETTER FURTHER STATUB THAT WRITING PAPER
AND ADDITIONAL SOURCE MATERIAL WOULD BE PROVIDED AS

NEEDED. LETTERS WERE TO HAVE BEEN SENT AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE BUT EMPHASIS WAS GIVEN TO SENDING THEM PRIOR
TO JUNE 21. INSTRUCTION ALSO REQUESTED THAT THIS
CAMPAIGN BE KEPT SECRET AND THAT PROSPECTIVE
WRITERS SHOULD NOT BE "FORCED" TO DO SO.

6. COMMENT: MIMEOGRAPHED INSTRUCTIONS SUGGEST THAT
LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN WIDESPREAD
AND PROBABLY NOT ALL THAT VOLUNTARY.
SNEIDER

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